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SUMMARY: SOVIET APRIL 15 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES NUMBER OF
SHORT ARTICLES CRITICIZING SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRE-
TARY'S TALKS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 15 CENTRAL PRESS CONTAINS SEVERAL ARTICLES
CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. PRAVDA HAS
TASS LUSAKA ITEMS JUXTAPOSING VORSTER PARLIAMENTARY STATE-
MENT ON CONTINUED S. AFRICAN "ILLEGAL" OCCUPATION OF
NAMIBIA WITH MENTION OF IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN PRETORIA OF
SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN FOR TALKS.

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2. PRAVDA ALSO HAS LONGER TASS DAR ES SALAAM WHICH NOTES
SECRETARY, OWEN, AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG ARRIVAL IN TANZANIA
AND THEN GOES ON TO EDITORIALIZE ON NEFARIOUS WESTERN
PLANS FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. AMONG POINTS MADE IN THIS
ARTICLE ARE FOLLOWING:

-- TRIP REPRESENTS ATTEMPT BY WEST TO SAVE ITS POSITIONS IN

RHODESIA. CURRENT RHODESIAN SITUATION IS RESULT OF
SUCCESSFUL ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF PATRIOTIC FRONT.

-- IN TALKS WITH EMISSARIES OF WASHINGTON AND LONDON
PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS INTEND TO AFFIRM THEIR PRINCIPLED
POSITION, TO WIT: GRANTING RHODESIA REAL AND NOT FICTIONAL
INDEPENDENCE AND TRANSFER OF POWER TO GENUINE REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF MULTI-MILLION AFRICAN POPULATION.

-- WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, CONTINUING TACTICS OF DELAY
AND PERSUASION, ARE DISCUSSING IN SALISBURY SMITH'S IN-
TERNAL SETTLEMENT PLAN TO WHICH AFRICAN PUPPETS HAVE AD-
HERED. OBSERVERS NOTE THAT WITH HELP OF THE FARCE OF NEW
RHODESIAN "GOVERNMENT" THE NEO-COLONIALIST CIRCLES OF
THE WEST -- THE "CO-AUTHORS OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
PLAN" -- COUNT ON ACHIEVING CONCESSIONS FROM THE PATRIOTIC
FORCES.

-- ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE DIRECT GOAL OF THE CURRENT
TALKS WITH VANCE AND OWEN IS TO GET AGREEMENT BY ALL SIDES
PARTICIPATING IN CONFLICT TO CONDUCT A NEW RHODESIAN CON-
FERENCE IN GENEVA OR IN MALTA.

-- BUT PRIMARY GOAL OF ALL MANEUVERS OF WEST AND ITS HENCH-
MEN - INCLUDING CURRENT DIPLOMATIC APPROACH OF LONDON AND
WASHINGTON - IS THE SAME: TO CREATE IN RHODESIA A NEO-
COLONIALIST REGIME, WHICH WILL PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AND
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THE PROFITS OF THE WESTERN MONOPOLIES THERE.

3. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (MINDEF NEWSPAPER) RAN SHORT TASS
MAPUTO ARTICLE ON WESTERN MONOPOLIES' CRUDE VIOLATION OF
UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS OF
MILITARY SALES. EXAMPLES INCLUDE SALE OF 20 CESSNA-337C
AIRCRAFT TO RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES (CONSTRUCTED BY FRENCH
AFFILIATE OF CESSNA AND SUPPLIED TO RHODESIA BY A SPANISH
FISHING COMPANY) AND FUEL (THROUGH S. AFRICAN AFFILIATES
OF U.S. FIRMS MOBIL OIL AND CALTEX). BRITISH MADE CANBERRA
BOMBERS ARE AMONG RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES INVENTORY, SAYS
ARTICLE.

4. ARTICLE REPEATS CHARGES FROM SUNDAY TIMES AND LOS
ANGELES TIMES ABOUT LARGE NUMBER OF WESTERN MERCENARIES IN
SMITH ARMY. LATTER ALSO REPORTEDLY ACCUSED CIA OF COORDIN-
ATING AND FINANCING RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES. FINAL
BLAST IS RESERVED FOR CHARGE OF ISRAELI COOPERATION IN
SENDING "SPECIALISTS" (WITH U.S. WEAPONS) ON STRUGGLE
AGAINST PARTISANS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

5. COMMENT: SUCH MATERIAL IS STANDARD SOVIET FARE BUT THIS

TIME WITH ADDITIONAL AND SPECIFIC TWIST IN DIRECTION OF
SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS. WHILE THIS
MATERIAL IS LIGHT IN VOLUME IT IS RATHER HEAVY IN TONE.
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